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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TOSHIKAZU YANAI ET AL.

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For: IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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CLAIM TO PRIORITY

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Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Application:

8-341753 filed on December 20, 1996

A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 758-2400. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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